

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record fails to teach or suggest the limitation of "wherein said second performance counter counts an occurrence of said edge when said data signal is asserted and said trigger signal has a logic level that is a complement to a logic level associated with said assertion of said data signal" as called for in independent claim 1 and similarly in independent claims 9 and 16.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William Hernandez whose telephone number is (571) 272-8979. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. 8:30AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, N. Drew Richards, can be reached at (571) 272-1736. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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